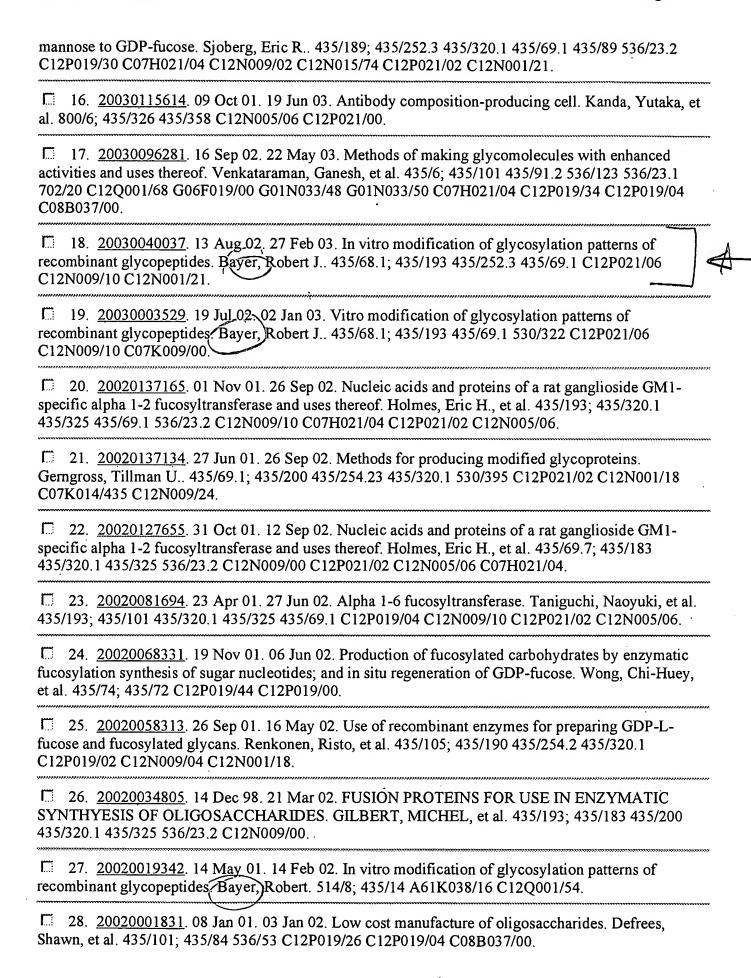
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A bacterial $\alpha 1,3$ -fucosyltransferase gene and deduced amino acid sequence is provided. The gene is useful for preparing $\alpha 1,3$ -fucosyltransferase polypeptide, and active fragment thereof, which can be used in the production of oligosaccharides such as Lewis X, Lewis Y, and sialyl Lewis X, which are structurally similar to certain tumor-associated carbohydrate antigens found in mammals. These product glycoconjugates also have research and diagnostic utility in the development of assays to detect mammalian tumors. In addition the polypeptide of the invention can be used to develop diagnostic and research assays to determine the presence of H. pylori in human-specimens.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A substantially purified transmembrane segment-free α1,3-fucosyltransferase polypeptide.
- The substantially purified transmembrane segment-free α1,3-fucosyltransferase of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide catalyzes the synthesis of Galβ 1-4[Fucα1-3] GlcNAc (Lewis X) or NeuAcα2-3-Galβ 1-4[Fucα1-3]GlcNAc (sialyl Lewis X).
 - 3. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide lacks α 1,4-fucosyltransferase activity.
- 10 4. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide lacks α 1,2-fucosyltransferase activity.
 - 5. The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide lacks α 1,4-fucosyltransferase and α 1,2-fucosyltransferase activity.
- The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence
 selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID
 NO: 3.
 - 7. An isolated polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1.
 - 8. The polynucleotide of claim 7, wherein the sequence encodes the amino acid sequence selected from the group SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

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- 9. A substantially purified transmembrane segment-free $\alpha 1,3$ -fucosyltransferase comprising a polypeptide having at least one repeat of the sequence comprising $X_1X_2LRX_3X_4Y$, wherein X_1 is D or N; X_2 is D or N; X_3 is I, V or A; X_4 is N or D.
- 10. A polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
- 5 a) SEQ ID NO: 4;

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- b) SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein T is U;
- c) nucleic acid sequences complementary to a) or b); and
- d) fragments of a), b), or c) that are at least 15 nucleotide bases in length and that hybridize to DNA which encodes any one of the polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 11. A vector containing the polynucleotide of claim 7.
- 12. A host cell containing the vector of claim 11.
- 13. An antibody which selectively binds to the polypeptide of claim 1.
- 14. The antibody of claim 13, wherein the antibody is monoclonal.
- 15 15. The antibody of claim 13, wherein the antibody is polyclonal.
 - 16. A method for detecting transmembrane segment-free α1,3-fucosyltransferase polypeptide in a sample, comprising:
 - a) contacting the sample with the antibody of claim 13; and
- b) detecting binding of the antibody to α1,3-fucosyltransferase polypeptide,
 wherein binding is indicative of the presence of α1,3-fucosyltransferase polypeptide in the sample.
 - 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the sample is tissue.

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- 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the sample is a biological fluid.
- 19. The method of claim 16, wherein the presence of transmembrane segment-free α1,3-fucosyltransferase polypeptide in the sample is indicative of infection by Helicobacter pylori.
- 5 20. The method of claim 16, wherein the presence of transmembrane segment-free α1,3-fucosyltransferase polypeptide in the sample is indicative of the presence of malignant cells.
 - 21. A method for detecting transmembrane segment-free α1,3-fucosyltransferase polynucleotide in a sample, comprising:
- a) contacting a sample suspected of containing α1,3-fucosyltransferase polynucleotide with a nucleic acid probe that hybridizes to α1,3-fucosyltransferase polynucleotide; and
 - b) detecting hybridization of the probe with $\alpha 1,3$ -fucosyltransferase polynucleotide, wherein the detection of hybridization is indicative of $\alpha 1,3$ -fucosyltransferase polynucleotide in the sample.
 - 22. The method of claim 20, wherein the nucleic acid probe is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) a nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;
 - b) a nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein T is U;
- 20 c) a nucleic acid sequence complementary to a) or b); and

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d) fragments of a), b), or c) that are at least 15 nucleotide bases in length and that hybridize under stringent conditions to DNA which encodes any one of the polypeptides set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEO ID NO: 3.

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